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Access

[AB 102 \(Holden\)](#)

Amended: 3/25/2021

Title: College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships: County Offices of Education

Status: Assembly Education Committee

Position: Support

Summary:

This bill would eliminate the 2027 sunset date for CCAP partnerships, effectively allowing dual enrollment programs to continue indefinitely. The bill would also allow county offices of education to participate in CCAP partnerships, which would provide students in juvenile court schools access to dual enrollment programs.

[AB 103 \(Holden\)](#)

Title: Pupil Instruction: College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships: County Offices of Education

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position: Support

Summary:

This bill would allow county offices of education to participate in College and Career Access Pathways partnerships, which would provide students in juvenile court schools access to dual enrollment programs.

[*AB 403 \(Kalra\)](#)

Amended: 3/25/2021

Title: Fair Access to College Textbooks Act

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would prohibit a campus of the California Community Colleges, the California State University, an independent institution of higher education, or a private postsecondary educational institution from assessing an automatic charge for instructional materials to a student, or enter into an agreement with a book publisher or other entity to assess the charge, unless certain conditions are met. The bill would provide that these provisions only apply to a contract entered into or renewed after January 1, 2022.

[*AB 928 \(Berman\)](#)

Amended: 3/18/2021

Title: Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act of 2021: Associate Degree for Transfer Intersegmental Implementation Committee

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would create the Associate Degree for Transfer Intersegmental Implementation Committee to serve as the primary entity charged with the oversight of the associate degree for transfer (ADT) for the sole purpose of strengthening the pathway to ensure it becomes the primary transfer pathway in California between campuses of the California Community Colleges and the University of California, the California State University, and other participating institutions, so that more students can avail themselves of the pathway's benefits. The bill would, by December 31, 2023, require California Community College students

be put on an ADT pathway where one exists for their intended major, as opposed to a local associate's degree in the same academic major.

[SB 770 \(Roth\)](#)

Amended: 3/10/2021

Title: College and Career Access Pathways Partnerships: California Law Pathways: Appropriation

Status: Senate Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would appropriate \$10 million to the Chancellor's Office and would require the funds to be used to expand California LAW pathways, a statewide initiative housed at the Foundation for California Community Colleges that creates a model pipeline between high schools and law schools to help close the diversity gap in the state's attorney workforce population. The bill would specify that this purpose includes, but is not limited to, establishing dual enrollment agreements between community colleges and local high school law academies, implementing partnerships with the California State University system, establishing transfer models with the University of California, and providing guidance to assist students in transferring.

Apportionments

[*AB 576 \(Maienschein\)](#)

Amended: 3/25/2021

Title: Community Colleges: Apportionments: Waiver of Open Course Provisions: Military Personnel

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would waive open course provisions in statute or regulations of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors (BOG) for any governing board of a community college district for classes the district provides to military personnel on a military base and would authorize the BOG to include the units of full-time equivalent students generated in those classes for purposes of state apportionments.

Broadband/Remote Learning

[AB 14 \(Aguiar-Curry\)](#)

Title: Communications: Broadband Services: California Advanced Services Fund

Status: Assembly Communications and Conveyance Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would extend the ongoing collection of funds deposited into the California Advanced Services Fund to provide communities with grants to bridge the digital divide. The bill extends the eligibility for grants administered by the California Public Utilities Commission to local and tribal governments who are willing and able to quickly and efficiently connect households, community anchor institutions (including educational institutions, fairgrounds for emergency response, and healthcare facilities), small businesses, and employers.

AB 34 (Muratsuchi)**Amended:** 3/16/2021**Title:** Broadband for All Act of 2022**Status:** Assembly Communications and Conveyance Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would place a \$10 billion general obligation bond before voters on the November 2022 ballot, which would support the 2022 Broadband for All program for purposes of providing financial assistance for projects to deploy broadband infrastructure and broadband services.

Career Technical Education, Adult Education, and ROC/P

AB 299 (Villapudua)**Amended:** 3/15/2021**Title:** Career Technical Education: California Apprenticeship Grant Program**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would, commencing with the 2022–23 academic year, establish the California Apprenticeship Grant Program to provide grants to encourage high school pupils, community college students, and employed and unemployed workers seeking to go into career technical education and vocational professions through participation in qualifying, state-approved apprenticeship programs.

AB 421 (Ward)**Title:** Community Colleges: Career Development and College Preparation Courses**Status:** Assembly Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the Board of Governors to adopt regulations, no later than May 31, 2022, requiring the accounting of students enrolled in career development and college preparation courses to be conducted by positive attendance count or by census basis.

Employees

AB 275 (Medina)**Amended:** 3/1/2021**Title:** Classified Community College Employees**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:** Oppose**Summary:**

This bill would shorten the maximum length of a prescribed period of probation for a classified employee to six months or 130 days of paid service, whichever is longer. This change would not apply to a conflicting collective bargaining agreement entered into before January 1, 2022, until the expiration or renewal of that collective bargaining agreement.

SSC Comment:

Assemblymember Medina introduced this same bill last year, but it never received a hearing—likely due to the Legislature significantly reducing their workload due to COVID-19.

AB 289 (Calderon)

Amended: 3/4/2021

Title: Classified School Employees: Merit System: Adoption and Termination

Status: Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee

Position:

Summary:

Current law authorizes both the adoption and termination of a merit system in a school or community college district by a majority vote of its classified employees. Upon the filing of a petition for the adoption or for the termination of the merit system for classified employees, current law requires the governing board of the district to perform specified activities in response, including devising an identification system to ensure against fraud in the balloting process and forming a tabulation committee.

This bill would require the devised identification system to also ensure ballot secrecy and would prohibit a representative of the district from making any marks upon the ballot envelope or ballot of any employee. The bill would allow the tabulation committee to adopt a system of uniformly stamping in a consistent manner and in the same location on all ballots received or all ballots counted, or both of those, to help ensure an accurate count.

AB 375 (Medina)

Amended: 3/15/2021

Title: Community Colleges: Part-Time Employees

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position: Oppose Unless Amended

Summary:

This bill would require community colleges, as a condition of receiving funding allocated for the Student Equity and Achievement Program, to negotiate in good faith with the exclusive representatives for part-time, temporary faculty on the terms of the reemployment preference for part-time, temporary faculty assignments and the regular evaluation process for part-time, temporary faculty. The bill would require that negotiation on reemployment preference for part-time, temporary faculty assignments be based on the minimum standards not exceeding 80% to 85%, and would prohibit a community college district from restricting the terms of the negotiated agreement to less than that range, unless explicitly agreed upon by an individual part-time, temporary faculty member and the district. This bill would require the community college to commence the negotiation of these terms no later than the expiration of any negotiated agreement in effect on January 1, 2022, and for any community college that does not have a collective bargaining agreement in effect as of January 1, 2022, upon the effective date of the bill.

SSC Comment:

This bill is a reintroduction of Assembly Bill 897, which was a two-year bill introduced in 2019 that passed the Assembly, but never received a hearing in the Senate. ACCCA had an “oppose unless amended” position on this bill.

AB 438 (Reyes)

Title: School Employees: Classified Employees: Layoff Notice and Hearing

Status: Assembly Public Employment and Retirement Committee

Position: Oppose

Summary:

This bill would extend the existing layoff protocols granted to certificated employees to classified employees. The bill would remove a district's current ability to layoff classified employees (1) at the end of the year due to the expiration of a specifically funded program if notified by April 29; or (2) with a 60-day notice as a result in a reduction in service. In its place, a March 15 layoff notice would apply to classified employees as it does currently to certificated employees.

AB 995 (Gonzalez, Lorena)

Title: Paid Sick Days: Accrual and Use

Status: Assembly Labor and Employment Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would modify the employer's alternate sick leave accrual method to require that an employee have no less than 40 hours of accrued sick leave or paid time off by the 200th calendar day of employment or each calendar year, or in each 12-month period.

AB 1269 (Garcia, Cristina)

Title: Community Colleges: Part-Time Faculty

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the Chancellor's Office to conduct a comprehensive study of part-time faculty to be completed by July 1, 2023. The bill would also require, as part of the study, the Chancellor's Office to collect and report part-time faculty parity data from each community college district and report the data as specified, and identify specific policy and fiscal recommendations that would enable the California Community Colleges to achieve a compensation schedule that achieves pay equity for part-time faculty by January 1, 2027.

***AB 1383 (Carrillo)**

Amended: 3/25/2021

Title: Community Colleges: Academic Employees: Involuntary Administrative Leave

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would specify that the 90-day period for the employer to complete its investigation of the accused misconduct of an academic employee and initiate disciplinary proceedings against, or reinstate, the academic employee is a 90-working-day period and would provide that the period of paid administrative leave may be extended by agreement of the parties not to exceed 30 calendar days.

SB 205 (Leyva)

Title: School and Community College Employees: Absences Due to Illness or Accident

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

Position: Oppose

Summary:

This bill would require a certificated or classified school employee, and an academic or classified community college employee, who exhausts all available sick leave and continues to be absent from duties on account of illness or accident for an additional period of five months to receive the employee's full salary during those five months.

SB 278 (Leyva)

Amended: 3/23/2021

Title: Public Employees' Retirement System: Disallowed Compensation: Benefit Adjustments

Status: Senate Judiciary Committee

Position: Oppose

Summary:

After determining that compensation for an employee member reported by the state, school employer, or a contracting agency is disallowed, the bill would require the applicable employer to discontinue the reporting of the disallowed compensation. The bill would require that contributions made on the disallowed compensation, for active members, be credited against future contributions on behalf of the state, school employer, or contracting agency that reported the disallowed compensation and would require that the state, school employer, or contracting agency return to the member any contributions paid by the member or on the member's behalf.

SSC Comment:

This is a reintroduction of a bill from 2019 that passed the Legislature, but was withdrawn from the engrossing and enrolling phase and thus never presented to the Governor.

SB 294 (Leyva)

Title: Public Retirement: Leave of Absence: Service Credit

Status: Senate Floor—Third Reading

Position:

Summary:

Existing law limits the maximum amount of the service credit earned during an employer-approved compensated leave of absence to 12 years. This bill would remove the 12-year limitation for service credit earned on an employer-approved compensated leave.

SB 411 (Cortese)

Amended: 3/8/2021

Title: public Employees' Retirement System: Employment Without Reinstatement

Status: Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee

Position:

Summary:

The Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA), prescribed various limitations on public employees, employers, and retirement systems concerning, among other things, work after retirement. The Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL) generally prohibits retired Public Employees' Retirement System members from working for an agency participating in the system without reinstatement in the

system, unless that employment is otherwise specifically authorized. This bill would eliminate the above-described requirement that a person employed without reinstatement in a manner other than authorized by PERL be reinstated, instead providing that reinstatement is permissive. The bill would also make conforming changes and make specific reference to the duties of employees and employers regarding reinstatement after retirement in violation of PEPR.

Facilities

[AB 75 \(O'Donnell\)](#)

Amended: 3/29/2021

Title: Education Finance: School Facilities: Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2022

Status: Assembly Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would place a statewide K–14 school bond on the 2022 ballot providing an unspecified amount of funds that focus primarily on new construction, modernization, career technical education, and charter school projects.

SSC Comment:

Assemblymember O'Donnell authored AB 48 (Chapter 530/2019) last legislative session, which placed Proposition 13 on the March 2020 primary election ballot which failed to garner the sufficient 50% plus one vote to pass.

[AB 306 \(O'Donnell\)](#)

Title: School Districts and Community College Districts: Employee Housing

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would exclude a number of Field Act requirements on any building or facility that serves or is intended to serve as residential housing for school district and community college district teachers and employees, as well as their families.

[AB 635 \(Low\)](#)

Title: Postsecondary Education: California Educational Facilities Authority

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would specify that the requirement for a grant deed restriction under the California Educational Facilities Authority Act does not apply to a project for student, faculty, or staff housing located on property within the boundary of a campus or on property located outside the campus boundary and owned by the applicable institution.

AB 1377 (McCarty)

Title: Student Housing: California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Act of 2021: Community College Student Housing

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish the California Student Housing Revolving Loan Fund Act to provide loans to qualifying applicants of California Community Colleges (CCC) California State University (CSU), and the University of California (UC) for the purpose of constructing affordable student housing. The bill would establish the California Student Housing Revolving Fund in the State Treasury and would continuously appropriate moneys in the fund to the California School Finance Authority to provide loans to qualifying applicants of the CCC and to the California Educational Facilities Authority, to provide loans to qualifying applicants of the UC or CSU. The bill would require each authority to submit a report, by March 15, 2023, to the Department of Finance and the budget committees of the Assembly and Senate containing information on the act.

SB 22 (Glazer)

Amended: 3/4/2021

Title: Education Finance: School Facilities: Public Preschool, K–12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2022

Status: Senate Governance and Finance Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would place the Public Preschool, K–12, and College Health and Safety Bond Act of 2022 on the ballot in 2022 to provide \$15 billion in funding to construct and modernize education facilities.

SSC Comment:

This bill contains many of the provisions of AB 48 (Chapter 530/2019) except those pertaining to developer fees.

SB 330 (Durazo)

Amended: 3/17/2021

Title: California Community Colleges: Affordable Housing

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

Current law authorizes community college districts to let to any private person, firm, or corporation any real property that belongs to the community college district if the instrument by which the property is let requires the lessee to construct on the demised premises, or provide for the construction on the real property of, a building or buildings for the joint use of the community college district and the private person, firm, or corporation during the term of the lease or agreement if certain conditions are met, including that no rental fee or other charge for the use of the building or buildings is paid by the community college district. This bill would authorize the community college district to agree to a rental fee or other charge for that use if the constructed building or buildings are developed and operated as affordable housing for students or employees of the community college district.

Financial Aid

[AB 1185 \(Cervantes\)](#)

Title: Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Program

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require that, in a state of emergency resulting from the COVID-19 public health crisis, specified Cal Grant Program eligibility requirements related to time limits for award eligibility and the age of an award recipient would not apply.

[AB 1456 \(Medina\)](#)

Title: Student Financial Aid: Cal Grant Reform Act

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would enact the Cal Grant Reform Act, which would revise and recast the provisions establishing and governing the existing Cal Grant programs and the Middle Class Scholarship Program into a new Cal Grant Program. The bill would authorize the commission to adopt emergency regulations to implement the Cal Grant Reform Act. The new Cal Grant Program would also include a Cal Grant 2 Program and a Cal Grant 4 Program.

Governance and District Operations

[AB 337 \(Medina\)](#)

Title: Board of Governors of The California Community Colleges

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would eliminate the prohibition against a student member voting during their first year on the Board of Governors.

[AB 361 \(Rivas, Robert \)](#)

Title: Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences

Status: Assembly Local Government Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would authorize a local agency to use teleconferencing without complying with the teleconferencing requirements imposed by the Brown Act when a legislative body of a local agency holds a meeting for the purpose of declaring or ratifying a local emergency, during a declared state or local emergency, when state or local health officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing, and during a declared local emergency provided the legislative body makes certain determinations by majority vote.

[AB 1216 \(Salas\)](#)**Title:** California Community Colleges: Governing Board Membership: Student Members**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would give each student member on the governing board of a community college district an advisory vote.

[SB 274 \(Wieckowski\)](#)**Title:** Local Government Meetings: Agenda and Documents**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require a local agency to email a copy of, or website link to, the agenda or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet if the person requests that the items be delivered by email. If a local agency determines it to be technologically infeasible to send a copy of the documents or a link to a website that contains the documents by email or by other electronic means, the bill would require the legislative body or its designee to send by mail a copy of the agenda or a website link to the agenda and to mail a copy of all other documents constituting the agenda packet, as specified.

Instruction

[AB 927 \(Medina\)](#)**Title:** Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:** Support**Summary:**

This bill would repeal the July 1, 2026, sunset date for the Baccalaureate Degree Program, effectively making the program permanent. The bill would also repeal the provision that limits the program to 15 community college districts, repeal the provision that limits districts from offering more than one baccalaureate degree program within their district, and includes additional requirements for the documentation regarding unmet workforce needs.

[AB 1040 \(Muratsuchi\)](#)**Title:** Community Colleges: Ethnic Studies**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would, commencing with the 2022–23 academic year, require each community college district to offer courses in ethnic studies at each of its campuses. The bill would require that the units earned by students for successful completion of these courses would be eligible for transfer and, if applicable, would meet ethnic studies graduation requirements at the California State University. The bill would also, commencing with the 2024–25 academic year, require each community college district to require the completion of at least one course in ethnic studies of at least three units as a requirement for a student to obtain an associate degree for transfer.

AB 1115 (Choi)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Community Colleges: Statewide Baccalaureate Degree Pilot Program

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would extend the operation of the baccalaureate degree pilot program by one year—until July 1, 2027.

AB 1417 (Frazier)

Title: Community Colleges: Providers of Care for Individuals With Developmental Disabilities: Model Curriculum for Certification Program

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

The bill would require the Chancellor’s Office to develop a model curriculum for a certification program for providers of care for individuals with developmental disabilities, designed to be offered at community college campuses where there is sufficient student interest and a properly qualified faculty to sustain such a program.

Miscellaneous

AB 53 (Low)

Amended: 3/15/2021

Title: Election Day Holiday

Status: Assembly Elections Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would add statewide general elections to the list of holidays that schools and community colleges are required to be closed. The bill would also change observation of the President’s Day (or Washington Day) holiday to only odd-numbered years.

AB 417 (McCarty)

Title: Rising Scholars Network: Justice-Involved Students

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would authorize the Chancellor Office to establish the Rising Scholars Network, whereby the Chancellor’s Office would enter into agreements with up to 50 community colleges to provide additional funds for services in support of postsecondary education for justice-involved students. The bill would require a community college district that wants to participate in the program to apply to the board of governors for funding pursuant to the bill’s provisions and would require the board of governors to adopt regulations for the Rising Scholars Network that fulfill certain goals and guidance.

SSC Comment:

The bill's provisions would only be operative in years there is funding appropriated in the State Budget. Assemblymember McCarty introduced this same bill last year, but since the budget did not provide an appropriation for the measure, the bill did not move forward in the Senate.

[AB 609](#) (Kamlager)**Title:** College Athlete Race and Gender Equity Act**Status:** Assembly Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism, and Internet Media Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require each institution of higher education to comply with Title IX of the federal Education Amendments of 1972 as it applies to college athletics, to suspend an athletic director from intercollegiate athletics responsibilities in the state for three years if Title IX compliance is not achieved on or before January 1, 2025, and maintained for at least 6 months in each 12-month period after January 1, 2025, and to preserve each athletic program's college athletes' educational opportunities and grant-in-aid athletic scholarship amounts, including by requiring program cost-cutting options be implemented before, or simultaneously with, any reduction in college athletes' aggregate unduplicated participation numbers or grant-in-aid athletic scholarship amounts.

[AB 949](#) (Mullin)*Amended:** 3/18/2021**Title:** Community Colleges: Biological Sciences Incubators**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the Chancellor's Office to establish a grant program to provide funding to interested community colleges that, through a public-private partnership, establish a biological sciences incubator on their campuses for the participation and benefit of their students. The bill would require the Chancellor's Office to establish specific requirements for community colleges to be eligible for the grant moneys, and to work collaboratively with the community colleges that are interested in the program. The bill would appropriate, without regard to fiscal year, \$5 million to the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges for allocation to community college districts for purposes of the bill.

[AB 1111](#) (Berman)*Amended:** 3/23/2021**Title:** Postsecondary Education: Common Course Numbering System**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the California Community Colleges to adopt, at all community colleges and for each community college campus catalog, a common course numbering system, starting with courses included in the Course Identification Numbering System (C-ID) and expanding to general education requirements and transfer pathway courses.

AB 1421 (Nguyen)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Refunds of Student Campus Fees

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California Community Colleges and California State University, and request the University of California, to do the following:

- Identify the students in their respective systems who were obliged to stay away from the campuses they were enrolled during the 2019–20 and 2020–21 academic years due to COVID-19
- Ascertain the amounts of campus fees collected from each of the identified students and calculate the amounts from which the students received no value because of their enforced absence from campus and which should therefore be refunded to the students
- Submit the total amounts ascertained and calculated to the Department of Finance and the Joint Legislative Budget Committee

AB 1432 (Low)

Title: The California Online Community College

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would make the California Online Community College Act inoperative at the end of the 2022–23 academic year, effectively eliminating Calbright College.

***AB 1491 (McCarty)**

Amended: 3/30/2021

Title: Adult Education: Consortia: Carryover of Allocated Funds

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

The bill would, by July 1, 2022 (with certain exceptions) generally prohibit a member of an adult education consortium and the consortium itself from carrying over more than 15% of its allocation from the immediately prior fiscal year. The bill would authorize the consortium to reduce the annual allocation for a member if the consortium finds that the member has unspent funds remaining from the immediately prior fiscal year. The bill would require a consortium member to certify its expenditures for the immediately prior fiscal year on or before September 1, and for the consortium itself to do the same on or before September 30.

SB 26 (Skinner)

Title: Collegiate Athletics: Student Athlete Compensation and Representation

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would move up the implementation date of SB 206 (Chapter 383/2019), which provides college student athletes compensation for the use of their name, image, or likeness, to coincide with the NCAA's recently proposed rule changes or no later than Jan. 1, 2022. Since community colleges are not governed

by the NCAA, they were exempted from the provisions of SB 206, but required to create a working group to examine existing state and federal laws and various athletic association bylaws regarding a college athlete's use of the athlete's name, image, and likeness for compensation. The working group must submit a report with its findings and policy recommendations to the Legislature and the California Community College Athletic Association on or before July 1, 2021.

SB 40 (Hurtado)

Amended: 3/16/2021

Title: Health Care Workforce Development: California Medicine Scholars Program

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would create the California Medicine Scholars Program, a five-year pilot program commencing January 1, 2023. The bill would require the pilot program to establish a regional pipeline program for community college students to pursue premedical training and enter medical school, in an effort to address the shortage of primary care physicians in California and the widening disparities in access to care in vulnerable and underserved communities, including building a comprehensive statewide approach to increasing the number and representation of minority primary care physicians in the state.

SB 61 (Hurtado)

Amended: 3/1/2021

Title: Workforce Training Programs: Supportive Services

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee—Suspense File

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the California Workforce Development Board to establish and administer the Lifting Families Out of Poverty Supportive Services Program. The bill would require the board, upon appropriation, to make \$50 million in grants available to consortia, composed of combinations of local workforce development boards, community colleges, or other stakeholders, that apply for funding to provide supportive services, as defined, and are approved in accordance with the bill.

School Safety and Student Discipline

AB 89 (Jones-Sawyer)

Amended: 2/17/2021

Title: Peace Officers: Minimum Qualifications

Status: Assembly Public Safety Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would increase the state minimum qualifying age for peace officers from 18 to 25 years of age, but would permit an individual under 25 years of age to qualify for employment as a peace officer if the individual has a bachelor's or advanced degree from an accredited college or university. The bill would specify that these requirements do not apply to individuals 18 to 24 years of age who are already employed as a peace officer as of the effective date of this act.

SSC Comment:

There have been a number of bills introduced related to peace officers.

AB 1152 (Rubio, Blanca)

Title: Postsecondary Education: COVID-19 Safety and Liability

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

This is currently a spot bill that that would create clarity on a standard of care on COVID-19 safety and a temporary and targeted limitation on COVID-19 liability at postsecondary educational institutions in the state as they work to reopen for in-person instruction.

State Budget and Education Finance

AB 85 (Committee on Budget)

Amended: 2/17/2021

Title: Budget Act of 2020

Status: Chapter 4, Statutes of 2021

Position:

Summary:

This is an early action budget bill to address the COVID-19 economic crisis. The bill includes \$100 million in one-time funds to provide low-income community college students with emergency financial aid. To qualify for this aid students must be enrolled at least half-time, demonstrate financial need, and have at least a 2.0 grade point average. Additionally, the bill includes \$20 million to support efforts to increase student retention rates and enrollment by engaging with former and current community college students who have withdrawn or are considering withdrawing from college due to COVID-19. The bill also provides \$3.1 million for the California Community Colleges to support campus outreach efforts to increase student applications in the CalFresh program.

SSC Comment:

As a State Budget bill, Assembly Bill 85 would go into effect immediately upon Governor Gavin Newsom's signature.

AB 214 (Ting)

Title: Budget Act of 2021

Status: Assembly Budget Committee

Position:

Summary:

This is the 2021 State Budget Act, which show the appropriations for the 2021–22 fiscal year.

AB 1187 (Irwin)

Title: Community Colleges: Tutoring

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position: Support

Summary:

This bill would provide that supervised tutoring for basic skills, and for degree-applicable and transfer-level courses, as authorized pursuant to regulations adopted by the Board of Governors on or before July 31, 2022, is eligible for state apportionment funding.

SSC Comment:

ACCCA supported an identical bill from Assemblymember Irwin that was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Student Health and Nutrition

[AB 367](#) (Garcia, Cristina)

Title: Menstrual Products

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require a public school with grades 6–12, each campus at the California Community Colleges and California State University, and each public agency to stock 50% of all restrooms with free menstrual products at all times.

*[AB 396](#) (Gabriel)

Amended: 3/29/2021

Title: CalFresh: Educational Programs

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require, by May 31, 2022, the State Department of Social Services to issue a guidance letter to counties, the Chancellor’s Office of the California Community Colleges, the Chancellor’s Office of the California State University, and the Office of the President of the University of California that clarifies the state and federal eligibility requirements for a campus-based program to be a state-approved employment and training program that qualifies for the CalFresh student eligibility exemption and that also clarifies the application and approval process for a campus-based program to be approved by the department as a state-approved employment and training program.

[AB 940](#) (McCarty)

Title: College Mental Health Services Program

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position: Support

Summary:

This bill would amend Proposition 63 by appropriating an unspecified amount annually from the administrative account of the Mental Health Services Fund to the California Community Colleges, California State University, and University of California systems to implement the College Mental Health Services Program. The bill would require those funds to be used for the purpose of increasing campus student mental health services and mental health-related education and training. The bill would also require campuses that participate in the program to report annually on the use of those grant funds and to post that information on their internet websites.

AB 1326 (Arambula)*Amended:** 3/30/2021**Title:** Public Social Services: County Liaison for Higher Education**Status:** Assembly Human Services Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require a county human services agency to designate at least one employee as a staff liaison to serve as a point of contact for academic counselors and other professional staff at public higher education institutions located within the county. The bill would also require a county human services agency to develop protocols for engagement between the staff liaison and public higher education institutions located within the county and would encourage the agency to consult with specified stakeholders in the development of those protocols.

AB 1467 (Cervantes)*Amended:** 3/25/2021**Title:** Student Safety: Sexual Assault Procedures and Protocols: Sexual Assault Counselors**Status:** Assembly Higher Education Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require higher education institutions to adopt and implement procedures ensuring that each victim of sexual assault who requests assistance from a sexual assault counselor or through specified entities or processes is provided with alternative housing assignments and academic assistance alternatives.

SB 20 (Dodd)**Amended:** 3/17/2021**Title:** Student Nutrition: Eligibility for CalFresh Benefits**Status:** Senate Appropriations Committee**Position:****Summary:**

Current state law requires the Student Aid Commission to provide written notice to recipients of Cal Grant awards who qualify for participation in the CalFresh program under the federal regulation. This bill would additionally require the commission to provide written notice to students who qualify for a community college enrollment fee waiver that they qualify, or may qualify, for benefits under the CalFresh program.

SB 367 (Hurtado)*Amended:** 3/23/2021**Title:** Student Safety: Opioid Overdose Reversal Medication**Status:** Senate Health Committee**Position:****Summary:**

This bill would require the governing board of each community college district and the Trustees of the California State University, to provide, as part of established campus orientations, educational and preventive information about opioid overdose and the use and location of opioid overdose reversal medication to students at all campuses of their respective segments. The bill would also require the governing board of each community college district and the Trustees of the California State University to require that each campus health center apply to use the statewide standing order issued by the State Public

Health Officer to distribute dosages of opioid reversal medication, and apply to participate in the Naloxone Distribution Project administered by the State Department of Health Care Services. Upon approval for use of the statewide standing order and participation in the Naloxone Distribution Project, the bill would require a campus health center to distribute opioid overdose reversal medication in accordance with its terms and conditions.

Student Services

[AB 245 \(Chiu\)](#)

Title: Educational Equity: Student Records: Name and Gender Changes

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require any higher education institution to update a former student's records to include the student's updated legal name or gender if the institution receives government-issued documentation from the student demonstrating that the former student's legal name or gender has been changed. The bill would also require the institution to reissue specified documents conferred upon, or issued to, the former student with the former student's updated legal name or gender, if requested by the former student. Commencing with the 2023–24 graduating class, the bill would require an institution to provide an option for a graduating student to request that the diploma to be conferred by the institution list the student's chosen name.

[*AB 775 \(Berman\)](#)

Amended: 3/23/2021

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Basic Needs of Students

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require, no later than July 1, 2022, each community college campus to establish the position of Basic Needs Coordinator and designate a staff person as the Basic Needs Coordinator. The bill would require each campus to establish a Basic Needs Center, which would be a central location on campus where basic needs services, resources, and staff would be made available to students.

This bill would further require each campus, no later than February 1, 2022, to develop a document to be made available to students online that clearly lists all on- and off-campus basic needs services and resources. The bill would require each campus to provide the document to students as a part of campus orientations and to provide to faculty, and encourage the faculty to include in their syllabi, the online link to the electronic format of the document, the location of the Basic Needs Center, and the contact information for the coordinator. The bill would also require each campus to streamline the application and intake process for basic needs services, to develop and implement a plan to identify and provide outreach to students who have basic needs insecurity, and to develop a student basic needs tab that is clearly visible and easily accessible from a drop-down menu on the home page of the internet website of the campus.

[SB 228 \(Leyva\)](#)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Support Services for Foster Youth: Cooperating Agencies Foster Youth Educational Support Program

Status: Senate Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

Current law requires each community college district and the California State University, and requests the University of California, to grant priority in that system to certain foster youth or former foster youth whose dependency was established or continued by the court on or after the youth's 16th birthday. This bill would extend this requirement and request for enrollment priority for certain foster youth or former foster youth to those whose dependency was established or continued by the court on or after the youth's 13th birthday.

Tuition and Fees

[AB 288 \(Bonta\)](#)

Amended: 3/15/2021

Title: California Ban on Scholarship Displacement Act of 202.

Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would prohibit each public and private institution of higher education that receives state-funded financial assistance or enrolls students who receive state-funded student financial assistance, from reducing certain students' institution-based financial aid award below their financial need, as specified.

[AB 295 \(Jones-Sawyer\)](#)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Pilot Program for Free Tuition and Fees: Working Group

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would establish a working group consisting of representatives from the California Department of Education, the California Community Colleges Board of Governors, the Trustees of the California State University, and the Regents of the University of California to consider the creation of a pilot program, that would provide free postsecondary education in the state by replacing the system of charging students tuition and fees for enrollment at a public postsecondary institution.

[AB 737 \(Santiago\)](#)

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: California State University: Tuition

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would, contingent upon a budget appropriation, prohibit California State University campuses from charging tuition or mandatory system-wide fees for any academic year (for up to 2 academic years) to a California Community College resident transfer student who completed an associate degree for transfer, received a California College Promise fee waiver, and is at least 28 years of age.

AB 1073 (Berman)

Title: Community Colleges: Students Enrolled in Early Childhood Education or Child Development Courses: Fee Waivers

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would require the governing board of each community college district to waive the fee requirement for any student enrolled in certain child development courses, who has declared a specified child development major, and who has completed and submitted either a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or a California Dream Act application.

AB 1113 (Medina)

Amended: 3/23/2021

Title: Public Postsecondary Education: Exemption from Tuition and Fees: Qualifying Survivors of Persons Providing Medical or Emergency Services Deceased During COVID-19 California State of Emergency

Status: Assembly Higher Education Committee

Position:

Summary:

This bill would prohibit the California Community Colleges, California State University, and the University of California if they adopted an appropriate resolution, from collecting mandatory system-wide tuition and fees from any qualifying surviving spouse or surviving child of a California resident who was employed as a licensed physician, licensed nurse or first responder, who died of COVID-19 during the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency in California.

SB 436 (Dahle)

Title: Community Colleges: Nonresident Tuition

Status: Assembly Desk

Position:

Summary:

Current law, until July 1, 2022, exempts from the nonresident tuition fee students who attend Lake Tahoe Community College and who have residence in one of several designated communities in Nevada, as provided. This bill would extend operation of the exemption from the nonresident tuition fee for qualifying students of Lake Tahoe Community College and related provisions indefinitely.